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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**Please cancel Claims 9-16.**

1.(previously presented): A martial arts equipment comprising an equipment body that is worn by a participant during match or during practice of a martial arts activity in which one participant inflicts a blow on another participant's body, and is filled with an impact-reducing material at places where an impact involved in the blow is delivered; wherein

the impact-reducing material includes a high impact absorptivity high density foam material having an excellent impact absorbing performance in a layer form,

the martial arts equipment is a headgear including a gear body, serving as the equipment body, placed on and worn by the head of a participant,

an opening for exposing an eye part of the wearer is formed on a front face of the gear body, and the front face as well as sides of the gear body are filled with the impact-reducing material, and

the impact-reducing material includes a thin rigid material placed between the high impact absorptivity high density foam material and the high elastic foam material at around the opening of the gear body.

2 (original): The martial arts equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the impact-reducing material has a layer structure consisting of a high elastic foam material on a face (impact first delivered face) where the impact involved in the blow is first delivered, and the high impact absorptivity high density foam material on a back face side thereof.

3 (original): The martial arts equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the impact-reducing material has a layer structure consisting of the high impact absorptivity high density foam material on a face (impact first delivered face) where the impact involved in the blow is first delivered, and a high elastic foam material on a back face side thereof.

4 (original): The martial arts equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the high impact absorptivity high density foam material has an impact absorbing performance of ball rebound elasticity of 15% or below under a condition that a ball weigh is 286g and a height of fall is 50.8cm.

5-6 (canceled)

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7 (original): The martial arts equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the martial arts equipment is a punch mitt including a mitt body, serving as the equipment body, fitted to and worn by the hand of a trainer performing as the opposing participant, wherein

a front side of the mitt body acts as an impact receiving side, and a back side of the mitt body is provided with a glove portion to which the trainer puts the hand into; and substantially the entire mitt body is filled with the impact-reducing material.

8 (original): The martial arts equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the martial arts equipment is a glove including a glove body, serving as the equipment body, fitted to and worn by the hand of the participant, wherein

an overall shape of the glove body is formed into a glove shape that fits the hand of the participant; and

a side in the glove body of the back of the hand is filled with the impact-reducing material.

9-16 (canceled)